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August 28, 2000

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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**In Re: Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service
 Docket No. 00-00523**

Dear David:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of a Petition of MCI Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a MCI WorldCom For Leave to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$25.00. A copy has been served on all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC



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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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**PETITION OF MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
d/b/a MCI WORLDCOM FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

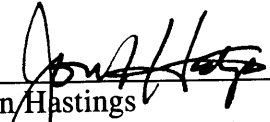
MCI Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a MCI WorldCom ("MCI WorldCom") pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-5-310, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding and participate as its interests may appear and in support of its Petition, states as follows:

MCI Telecommunications, Inc. is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, operating as an interexchange carrier under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. As a holder of such certificate, MCI WorldCom has legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other legal interests that will be affected by and determined in the above-captioned proceeding. Allowing this intervention is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings. MCI WorldCom, therefore, seeks to intervene and participate as its interests may appear.

MCI WorldCom requests the TRA to grant its intervention petition, to participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities, to receive copies of any notices, or orders, or any other dockets filed herein, and to have such other, further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
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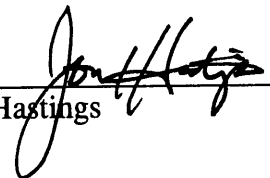
Counsel for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been hand delivered or mailed to the following person on the 28th day of August, 2000.

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